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SUBJ: SPEECH BY PRESIDENT STEVENS AT COLOMBO

REF: A) STATE 206705, B) STATE 204517

1. IN A SPEECH DELIVERED AT THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN COLOMBO. PRESIDENT STEVENS STATED THAT SIERRA LEONE IS PROUD AND DELIGHTED TO BELONG TO THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND THAT SIERRA LEONEANS ARE DETERMINED TO PLAY THEIR MODEST PART IN THE SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF GLOBAL PEACE. HE EXPLAINED THAT NON-ALIGNMENT DID NOT MEAN GIVING UP RESPONSIBILITIES.

2. PRESIDENT STEVENS CALLED ON THE WHITE MINORITIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA TO TAKE HOLD IMMEDIATELY OF THE LAST OPPORTUNITY BEING OFFERED THEM TO AVOID A DISASTROUS RACIAL CONFRONTATION. HE ASKED THE SMITHS AND VORSTERS NOT TO FORGET THAT THE WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION ARE NO LONGER THE PROPERTY OF ANY ONE NATION AND IF "OUR BROTHER AFRICANS IN SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA ARE OPPRESSED TO THE LIMITS OF HUMAN ENDURANCE THEY WOULD BE JUSTIFIED, LIKE THE DROWNING MAN, TO GRAB AND WELCOME HELP FROM WHATEVER QUARTER."

3. PRESIDENT STEVENS PRAISED THE CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN, MRS.

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BANDARANAIKE, FOR SUGGESTING CONCRETE AND PROCATICAL GUIDELINES

FOR THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT TO FOLLOW AND HE PRAISED THE OUT-
GOING CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE OF ALGERIA FOR DYNANISM
AND DEDICATION TO THE CAUSE OF NON-ALIGNMENT.

4. FULL TEXT OF SPEECH NOT YET DISTRIBUTED LOCALLY. COPY WILL
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